

District Judge James L. Robart

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

SEA SHEPHERD LEGAL,

Plaintiff,

v.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND  
ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, *et*  
*al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. C19-463 JLR

STIPULATED BRIEFING  
SCHEDULE AND ORDER

Noted for Consideration: October  
20, 2020

Plaintiff SEA SHEPHERD LEGAL (“SSL”) filed the above-captioned lawsuit under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) against Defendants NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION and NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICES (collectively, “Defendants”), seeking disclosure of certain documents (“First FOIA Lawsuit”). At the parties request, the Court consolidated the First FOIA Lawsuit with a related case, *Sea Shepherd Legal v. NOAA, et al.*, 19-cv-1485-JLR. Dkt. No. 34. The Court ordered that all remaining filings be made in the First FOIA Lawsuit. *Id.*

On October 13, 2020, the parties filed a Joint Status Report notifying the Court that, based upon its review to date of produced records, SSL had identified a number of

records that it deemed to be improperly redacted. Dkt. No. 39 The parties further notified the Court that they would provide a proposed briefing schedule by October 20<sup>th</sup>. *Id.* On October 14<sup>th</sup>, the Court ordered the parties to submit a proposed briefing schedule on or before October 20<sup>th</sup>. Dkt. No. 40.

The parties have now had the opportunity to confer and have agreed upon a briefing schedule for SSL's motion. The following proposed schedule is premised upon the Defendants' agreement to provide SSL with a *Vaughn* Index by November 4<sup>th</sup> for a subset of records selected by SSL in an effort to streamline the briefing process:

SSL's Motion	November 19, 2020
Defendants' Opposition	December 7, 2020
SSL's Reply	December 11, 2020

Accordingly, the parties request that the Court approve their agreed upon briefing schedule

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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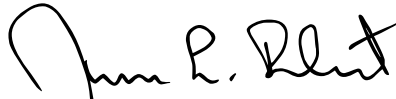
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**ORDER**

Having reviewed the parties' stipulation regarding SSL's motion challenging Defendants' record redactions, the Court ORDERS the following briefing schedule:

SSL's Motion	November 19, 2020
Defendants' Opposition	December 7, 2020
SSL's Reply	December 11, 2020

Dated this 21st day of October 2020.



**JAMES L. ROBART**  
United States District Judge